

# NOTICE

## Department of Public Works Office of the Commissioner

### MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS ON NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USES

City of Marlborough Commissioner of Public Works, Ron LaFreniere announced today that effective Tuesday, September 3, 2013, all non-essential outdoor water uses are prohibited until October 1, 2013.

The restrictions on non-essential outdoor water uses are a condition of the city's state-issued Water Management Act permit from MassDEP and the Streamflow Triggered Restrictions therein.

A description of non-essential water uses subject to mandatory restrictions as well as permitted uses is provided below.

Residents and business owners with questions on these restrictions should contact the Department of Public Works at 508-624-6910 x7100 or through the department's e-mail at [dpw@marlborough-ma.gov](mailto:dpw@marlborough-ma.gov)

#### **Outdoor Water Use Restrictions, Permitted Uses and Uses Not Subject to Mandatory Restrictions**

##### **Non-essential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:**

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

##### **The following outdoor water uses are permitted during periods of mandatory restrictions:**

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings;
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.; and
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a handheld hose.

##### **Outdoor water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions are those required:**

- For health or safety reasons;
- By regulation;
- For the production of food and fiber;
- For the maintenance of livestock; or
- To meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

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